

FRIENDS OF THE SALEM LIBRARY

MINUTES – OCTOBER 13, 2013

The October 13, 2013, meeting was called to order by the president.

Ten members were present.

The secretary read the minutes of the July meeting. New information from the treasurer suggests that the cost of using credit cards at the sale may be as much as 3% instead of 2.4%. With this adjustment the minutes were approved.

The treasurer reported the following:

\$ 9,836.71 – checking

\$ 5,751.72 – savings

\$ 6,038.55 – made on the book sale

\$ 8,985.00 – spent for the purchase of the new microfiche system

\$10,000.00 – CD scheduled to mature November 8

\$ 10.00 – moved to savings to keep the account from going dormant

People who joined the Friends during the public sale were credited with 2014 memberships.

Helen Robertson moved and Gail Evans seconded a \$50.00 check be presented to Robert in appreciation for all his help during sale prep. The motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

The microfiche reader has come in but may not have been installed yet.

NEW BUSINESS

The next newsletter will come out at the end of January with a deadline of January 19, 2014 for articles.

Ken reported on the book sale. He noted that fewer hardbacks came in for the sale and that they did not move as fast as previous years. The number of trade size paperbacks was larger than previously and did move well. The number of books was down in many categories. The

credit card system worked well but we don't know if we actually made more money. Ken did remember one customer who went back for more books because we took credit cards.

A group of people who worked on the sale met before the regular meeting to discuss the sale and ideas to consider for next year.

In past years we have received books left from a sale at St. Elizabeth's. This year their sale came after ours so we passed on our remaining books to them. We have heard they made about \$1100.00 and found another sale to give their remaining books to.

Bob Paine asked a question about the current book business. Elaine Budde said that many dealers and used book stores have gone out of business. She couldn't comment on the new book business.

Next year's sale will be timed to coordinate with Olde Salem Days which will be September 13, 2014.

There was a discussion of the need to increase membership. Suggestions included contacting book groups, having speakers, a brochure to be available at the circulation desk, and updating our website.

We went through and discussed proposed changes in the Constitution and By-Laws. Votes were taken on a few specific changes at the beginning and then we voted on most changes in two votes – one for the constitution and one for the by-laws. Changes included clarifying the election and role of the board of directors, removing some outdated items, and giving the power to establish standing committees to the membership rather than the president. The changed Constitution and By-Laws were approved.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to officially establish the following standing committees: Book Sale, Newsletter, and Labels for Education.

The next meeting will be Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 2:00. David Butler is going to make a presentation on our website and the Library's.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:29.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary